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AMUSEMENTS

"SI PLUNKARD."

The rural comedy which is to appear at the Astoria Theatre tomorrow night entitled "Si Plunkard" is a graphic and amusing picture of real life and characterization. Mr. Lewis in the title role brings plenty of humor to his part and creates a great deal of amusement. The dear little children, the Irish neighbor, the bogus stock speculator, the honest old farmer, and Si's pretty sister are all well sustained characters. There is a deal that is novel in the play. The farm scene with the little children at play and its thrashing machines at work never fails to capture the audience. Many a big company of comedians which goes to make up an evening's entertainment of fun from the start to the finish. Remember the date and watch for the funny country band street parade.

"BEN HUR."

A great many stories have been written and a great many plays produced dealing with the earth-life of Christ, but the most impressive religious romance and the only enduring drama dealing with this subject has been General Lew Wallace's "Ben Hur," which will open a week's engagement at the Hellig Theatre, Portland, Or., on Monday evening, January 18. In addition to the regular evening performances, there will be special matinees on Wednesday and Saturday.

This fine romance, with all the brilliant pageantry, the barbarity and the intense religious enthusiasm of that period of the world's history, when put into dramatic form, raised a wave of admiration from the Atlantic to the Pacific, for Klaw & Erlanger's colossal production of Wallace's Biblical story is the most majestic and imposing ever staged. It is a fascinating, masterly creation that ought to be seen at last once; most people want to see it more than once, for it interests the eye, touches the intellect and moves the heart.

From the prelude, with its mystic charm, to the last awe-inspiring scene on the Mount of Olives, it is pictorially magnificent, its story intensely interesting, and its accompanying music most satisfying. Into places of

strange customs, strange peoples and strange beauty the auditors are led, and the return to the accustomed environment and habits comes almost as a shock after three hours of fascinating wandering and spiritual exaltation. A clearer idea of the Holy Land and its inhabitants and of the influence of the Nazarene while on earth is obtained from this one drama than can be had from reading countless books upon the subject. Such a drama is not only absorbingly interesting but in the highest degree instructive as well.

Nine years have elapsed since General Lew Wallace's impressive Biblical spectacle, "Ben Hur," was first presented at the Broadway Theatre in New York City. At that time it was considered the largest production of the modern stage, and during the intervening years it has maintained its pre-eminent position in American amusements. The production this season is on a scale of colossal grandeur eclipsing all former efforts of its producers, Messrs. Klaw & Erlanger, who have taken advantage of the vast resources at their command in constructing the new production. Every art of the customer, the stage mechanic, the electrician, is taxed in its presentation. It is realism up to the minute, accomplishing pictures that in the first presentation would have been deemed too difficult to essay.

In order to take care of out-of-town patrons for "Ben Hur," Manager Calvin Hellig, of the Hellig Theatre, will fill mail orders in accordance with date of their receipt, when accompanied by remittance. The scale of prices will range from 50 cents to \$2. Seats will go on sale Thursday, January 14.

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OCEAN, BAR, BAY, DOCK AND RIVER

The steamship Breakwater arrived in from Coos Bay points early on Sunday morning last, having in tow the Callender tug "Myrtle" on her hawsers. The hull of the new bay steamer was turned over to the Callender Navigation Company, and moored with the balance of the company's fleet, at the company's dock, the Breakwater proceeding to her own berth above, where she staid long enough to put off several tons of stuff, and then went on to the metropolis. The Myrtle is a staunch and handsome craft 75 feet over all and thoroughly well built, being completely sheathed with Port Orford cedar, and with a hold full of the same fine wood by way of cargo. As soon as possible the engines of the steamer Mayflower will be transferred to the Myrtle, and she will be put in immediate service of the company, for general use. She is not as handsome a vessel as the Melville, of that fleet but she comes mighty near being the "second best" alright!

A telephone message was received at the office of Agent G. W. Roberts of the O. R. & N. service yesterday morning, from the Clatsop Mill, saying that there appeared to be a fire raging on board the French bark Assinieres lying at anchor off Tongue Point waiting for a towing steamer from up river, and to send a tug to her assistance. At the moment there was no tug available for the duty, and as Captain Gregory was then casting the Armeria loose from the O. R. & N. pier to proceed up the river, he was asked to investigate the matter and send back word. The Armeria went alongside the Frenchman and stayed several minutes, but kept on her way up stream and as all signs of smoke had disappeared from the Assinieres, it was concluded down here that what fire (if any) had occurred, had been subdued by the officers and crew of the ship. No word was received of the matter at the O. R. & N. office nor at the custom house during the day.

The fragmentary ice from the upper reaches of the Columbia arrived off this city early on Sunday morning last, and the field has increased steadily hour by hour and tide by tide, ever since, until now the wide expanses of the bay are thick with them, and as usual, great piles of it have lodged on the city sands between here and Knappton. From all appearances yesterday afternoon the bulk of the ice seemed to be knitting in masses over in the North Channel and along the reaches from there down to Point Elliott; but steamboat men from the northshore say that the greater part of the chilly float is on this side of the river. Certainly there is enough of it.

The lighthouse tender Columbine is presumed to be ice-bound up the Willamette, but we will bet a hard tack to a slot-machine plug, that she'll come down alright when Captain Richardson gets ready to come.

The steamer Tallac entered port on Sunday, from the California coast and departed up stream early yesterday morning.

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Two interesting items were recorded at the United Wireless station yesterday, by Operator Ferland, to wit: One from the steamship Watson, bound from the Bay City for Seattle, and off the mouth of the Columbia at 9 a. m. yesterday. She was making good time, with a light northerly breeze prevalent and expected to reach port on the Sound at 7 o'clock this morning. Mr. Ferland also got word from the steamship Rose City at 1 o'clock p. m. yesterday, she being then off Mount Coffin, with the ice well broken up and making slow but sure time into Portland.

The S. F. & P. steamship Rose City arrived in from San Francisco yesterday morning at 5:30 and docked two hours later at the O. R. & N. piers, where she discharged about 20 tons of local freight, and departed up stream at 8:30 o'clock. Commander Charles F. Pond, U. S. N., commanding the thirteenth district of the lighthouse service, was a passenger on board the Rose City, returning from a meeting of his colleagues of the department, on this coast, for a general discussion of the needs of the service.

The steamer R. Miller left up for Cathlamet yesterday, with orders to keep a sharp lookout for the derelict raft seen in the neighborhood of Bayview and to tackle it if she found it safe and bring it in. She bucked into some pretty heavy ice between here and the Wahkiakum metropolis and thought she saw the raft, stranded as described, she forebode taking hold of it on the score of the heavy play of the ice. She returned down last evening at 6 o'clock.

The light house tender Armeria went up to Portland yesterday morning smashing her way through the ice and followed by quite a fleet of coasters that wanted just some such lead as hers. She will replace a lot of buoys with temporary spars at essential points in the river, where the big cans have been torn loose by the accumulated ice floe.

The British steamship Tweeddale arrived at 4 p. m. Sunday and went direct to the docks of the Hammond Lumber Company at Tongue Point, where she will take on 800,000 lath, and leave out this morning for the Bay City, and from there she will depart for Sydney, with the Australian mail and passengers.

The fine oil tank steamship Washnetaw, of the Union oil fleet, arrived in yesterday afternoon and docked at the company's tank-dock where she discharged her full cargo; and she will leave up this morning, for the metropolis, under pilotage of Captain Tom Craig.

The steamer Alliance, heavily sheathed against the tearing teeth of the heavy ice drifts adrift in the Columbia, arrived down from that city just after midnight on Sunday and went to sea and Coos Bay early yesterday morning, with a big cargo of general merchandise and her cabins full of passengers.

It is expected that there will be some interesting news of the fleet of steamers now up the Columbia river en route to Portland and way points during today and tomorrow, if there is not an immediate abatement in the cold spell.

The steamer Majestic, the new vessel that came in from San Francisco on last Wednesday and remained here through the worst of the gale, bound for Portland for lumber, received orders on Sunday to proceed at once to Aberdeen for cargoing, and she left out without delay.

The steamer Cascades arrived down on Sunday last and left out at once for San Francisco. When she got here she showed plainly her contact with the heavy ice in the upper river, her bows and hull being badly scarred with it.

It is thought at the Kamm office here that the Lurline will not resume her run until the ice in the river abates sharply, though it goes without saying she will be here as soon as anything else in her class gets here.

The steamer Northland was a Sunday arrival from California, and she left up the river yesterday morning in the wake of the Armeria, and probably got through all right.

The steamship Roanoke docked at the Callender pier at 1:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon, with 54 people on board as passengers and lots of freight, 15 tons of which she unloaded here, and then passed on to Portland at 3:30 o'clock.

The lighthouse tender Heather arrived in yesterday from Puget Sound and the upper coast. She brought in quite a number of lighthouse service people who are on leave or on missions for the service. All well on board.

The steamer Welleasley arrived in from Tillamook Bay points yesterday with freight and passengers and will lay here pending the ice blockade in the Columbia.

The dredger William S. Ladd is tied up at Westport, as she cannot work and buck the ice floe at the same time.

PERSONAL MENTION

Dan Connelly of Portland is a guest at the Occident.

H. H. Jenkins, of Seaside, spent the day in this city yesterday.

A. M. Dietz, of Seattle, was a business visitor in Astoria yesterday.

W. W. Reed, of Eureka, arrived here yesterday on the Roanoke, on matters of business.

Frank Olsen, prosecuting attorney, of Wahkiakum county, Wash., was down from Cathlamet yesterday, on legal matters.

C. B. Gunderson, of Portland, was in the city yesterday and was domiciled at the Northern.

F. T. Smith, of Tacoma, was in the city yesterday on business, and was quartered at the Merwyn.

Donald Stock Co.—The Donald Stock Company opened their stock engagement at the Bakeronian theatre last night to a good attendance. The play produced was he rural comedy drama entitled "Just Plain Folks" Mr. Donald was seen in the leading part of Arthur Ridley and was fairly well supported by the balance of the company. The piece itself was the average being no better or worse than dozens of others seen in Astoria. The Donald Company will present two plays a week changing program on Monday and Friday, with matinees Saturday and Sunday. The piece announced for the next change commencing Friday evening is "The Embassy Ball" said to be a high class society drama. Manager Simlinton has made another pleasing addition to his already popular house by adding an orchestra of four pieces consisting of violin, cornet, piano and drums and pleasing music is rendered between acts thereby shortening the waits considerable. Members of the company are also seen in specialties and illustrated songs are presented between acts.

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